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CONFERENCES

1. FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN MAIN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
NEWSPAPER DEMARI ON JANUARY 30, 1975:

QUOTE

2. RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM: THE AGREEMENT ON THE END-
ING OF THE WAR AND ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN
VIETNAM WAS CONCLUDED IN PARIS TWO YEARS AGO. THIS
AGREEMENT DID NOT, HOWEVER, PACIFY THE SITUATION IN
SOUTH VIETNAM. CLASHES BETWEEN THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT
AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT ARE
CONTINUING TO THREATEN PEACE.

3. MANY STATES HAVE ALREADY DRAWN THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS
ABOUT THE CONTINUOUSLY WEAKENING POSITION OF THE
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THIEU GOVERNMENT WHICH STAYS IN POWER WITH THE SUPPORT

OF THE AMERICANS. SWEDEN FOR EXAMPLE HAS FROZEN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SAIGON LEADERSHIP AND GRANTED A POSITION WHICH CAN BE REGARDED AS AN OFFICIAL ONE TO THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. FRANCE TOO HAS REACHED THE SAME SOLUTION.

4. AN INFORMATION OFFICE OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN FINLAND WHEN VAINO LESKINEN WAS FOREIGN MINISTER. THIS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED REMARKABLE SUPPORT FROM BOTH THE POLITICAL AND PARTICULARLY FROM THE TRADE UNION LABOR MOVEMENT. IT WOULD NOW BE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR ALSO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PUT THE POSITION OF THIS OFFICE ON A MORE OFFICIAL LEVEL.

5. WHEN RECOGNIZING THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, FINLAND HAS FOLLOWED A KIND OF "IMPARTIALITY" IN REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM WHICH WERE PARTIES OF THE PARIS TREATY. HOWEVER, THIS IMPARTIALITY HAS IN REALITY MEANT PASSIVITY WITH WHICH ONE HAS WANTED TO AVOID THE RECOGNITION OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RELATIONS WITH SAIGON EARLIER EITHER.

6. ACCORDING TO THE OPINION OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, IT WOULD BE JUSTIFIED TO CONSIDER THE DISCONTINUATION OF THIS TEMPORARY STATE OF AFFAIRS. ONE MUST ALSO DEMAND FROM FINLAND'S REPRESENTATIVES A DIFFERENT WAY OF ACTION THAN WHAT THEY DISPLAYED AT A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION FAO, A SUB-ORGANIZATION OF THE UN. FINLAND VOTED THERE IN FAVOR OF PREVENTING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT ALREADY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. SUCH A THING MUST NOT BE REPEATED. ON THE CONTRARY FINLAND MUST SUPPORT PARTICIPATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

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